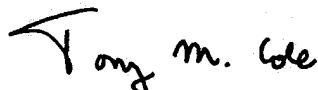


**REMARKS**

By way of this amendment, Applicant proposes canceling claims 15-18, without prejudice or disclaimer, to reduce issues for appeal. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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